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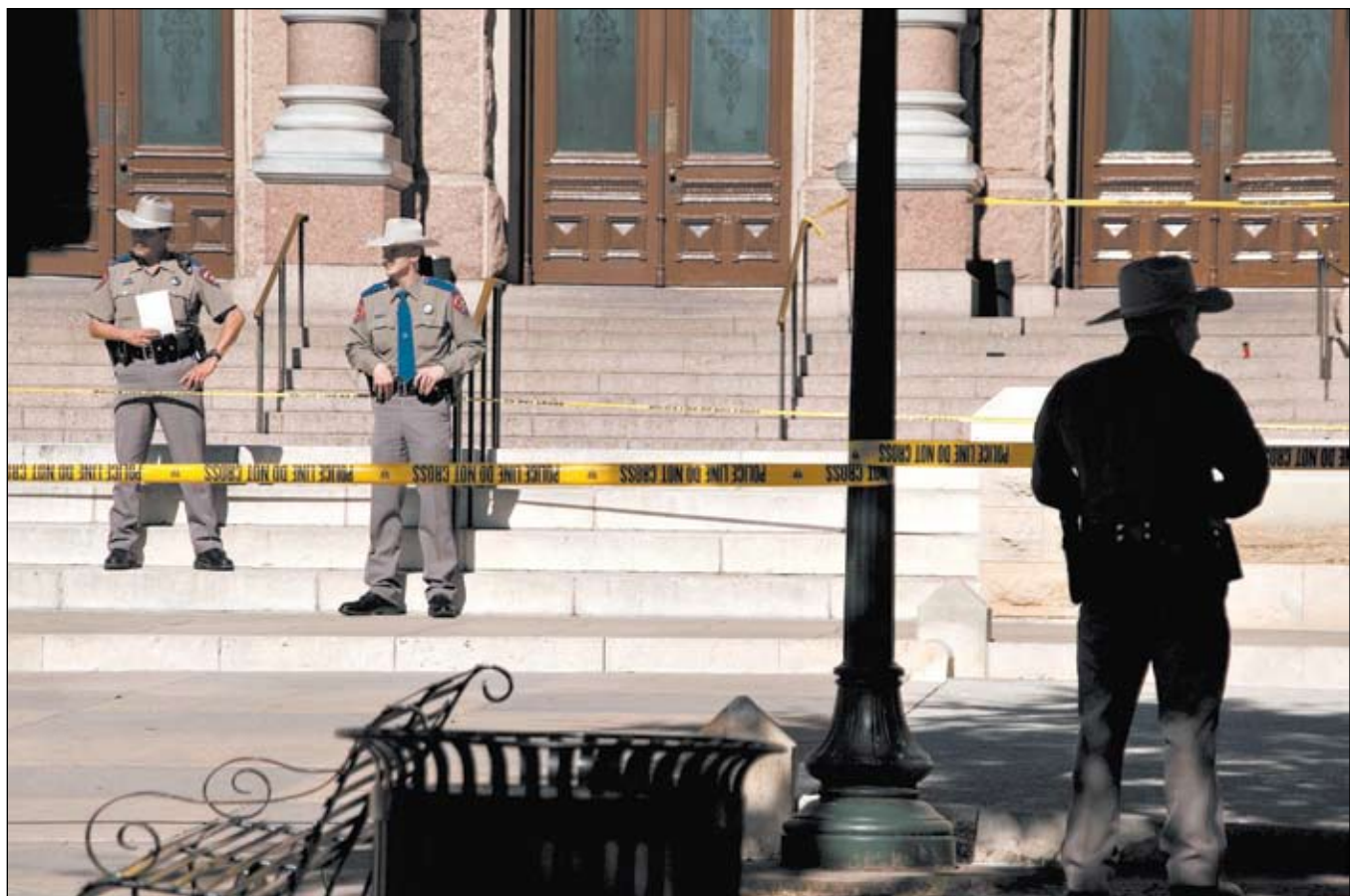
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Shooting puts focus on security



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Standing guard by the south steps of the Texas Capitol, Texas Department of Public Safety officers respond to shots fired on Thursday afternoon.

Concealed-weapons law questioned after incident outside Capitol

By Alex Geiser
Daily Texan Staff

Security officials and state legislators are unsure whether surveillance measures will increase at the Capitol after a man fired shots into the air by the building's southernmost entrance on Thursday.

Houston native Fausto Cardenas walked into the office belonging to Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, Thursday afternoon and tried to coax a female secretary to join him in

one of the senator's private offices. Cardenas eventually left after the secretary refused his request.

A few minutes later, Cardenas allegedly fired multiple shots outside the building, where he was quickly apprehended by DPS troopers. No one was injured, according to officials.

Under Texas law, any person with a concealed weapons license is permitted to carry a handgun in public buildings,

including the state Capitol. Cardenas does not have a permit to carry a concealed handgun, state officials have said.

Tela Mange, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, which runs security at the Capitol, said the department doesn't discuss specifics about past or current safety measures at the building but said the department is re-evaluating the security program after Thursday's event.

"There are things you can

see that we do and things you can't see," Mange said. "We do what we need to do to keep people as safe as possible."

Past security breaches have caused officials to consider additional security methods, such as implementing metal detectors or increasing troop presence.

Security was briefly tightened in September 2009 when a set of keys to more than 100

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Study shows students feel more anxious

By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert
Daily Texan Staff

A new study indicates that U.S. college and high school students may face more mental health problems and higher levels of anxiety than students from past generations.

The study, released last week, analyzed data collected from 1933 to 2007. Author of the study Jean Twenge said the main culprit for the increase in mental health and anxiety problems among college students is the rise in the consumer culture.

Twenge, a San Diego State University psychology professor, said that along with a rise in anxiety, people have also become more extroverted, ambitious and sexually permissive.

Twenge focuses on the reasons for the findings of the study in her book "Generation Me." She argues that people born after 1970 are more narcissistic and depressed than those born before.

She also calls on people to leave behind the "self-esteem movement" that causes young people to fall into depression as they feel the sting of the harsh, competitive workplace. The movement refers to how culture shifted in the 1980s toward placing importance on boosting children's self-esteem, something with good intentions that can lead to negative consequences, she said. As those children grow up, they are more likely to suffer from disappointment when they enter the less-forgiving adult world.

"We want to tell them they are all

special and fantastic at what they do, which seems good, but then they hit the real world, and they realize the real world's a tough place," Twenge said. "When people say 'Kids have it so easy nowadays,' it's not true. There's a lot of pressure on them."

Diana Damer, an anxiety disorder specialist at UT, said college counselors saw more students in recent years suffering from anxiety and severe mental health problems.

One of the most common problems students seek help for at the University is social anxiety, Damer said. UT's Counseling and Mental Health Center offers about 30 help groups for students with anxiety but will have to add more after seeing groups fill up faster than before, she said.

More men tended to seek help for social anxiety, Damer said. She speculated that stereotyped gender roles could potentially put pressure on men to be more assertive and take initiative. More women, however, sought help for test anxiety, she said.

"Grades are more important than ever with limited jobs and spots in grad school," Damer said. "Even just getting into college is more competitive."

The strive for perfectionism can hinder student performance, especially when high school students realize a perfect grade point average or a good test score is not enough to attend their university of choice, Damer said. High school students

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Jackie O's letters donated to Ransom Center archive

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

A collection of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' handwritten letters will join the writings of James Joyce, Norman Mailer and Ezra Pound kept at UT's Harry Ransom Center.

The letters will be released for student viewing once they are processed and catalogued, but there is no set date for release, said center spokeswoman Alicia Dietrich

Ray Roberts, one of Onassis' former co-workers at publishing company Doubleday and Company, donated to the University 50 personal letters Onassis wrote. Roberts died in August 2009 shortly after he donated the letters.

"Ray Roberts and Jackie Kennedy Onassis were colleagues. That was how they first met, and their correspondence first started when they both worked as editors at Doubleday," said Megan Barnard, assistant to the director at the center.

For biographers, the letters provide more information about Onassis' professional life.

"The letters reveal a lot of [Onassis and Robert's] working relationship," Barnard said.

The letters could help researchers get a sense of the daily work and of various projects Roberts and Onassis collaborated on, as well as Onassis' passion for her work, Barnard said.

According to the Ransom Center, more than half of the letters in Roberts' collection are from 1978 to 1980, during Onassis' years at Doubleday. The rest of the letters consist of their personal correspondences until 1992, two years before Onassis died. They met on social occasions and had lunch together for years, exchanging books and witticisms.

"[The letters] also show a lot of her personality," Barnard said. "They were very witty, very playful. It really makes it seem like she enjoyed her work. She was very bright, very literary, and really thrived at her position as an editor."

Students will have the same access to Onassis' letters they have to all of the pieces in the center's collection. Students wishing to read the letters can go to the Harry Ransom Center, fill out a brief form, watch a five-minute video and request the materials to view in the Reading Room.

Officials ensure bus routes will remain

By Audrey White
Daily Texan Staff

The Enfield Road and Lake Austin shuttle routes will continue to run despite rumors that they may end, said Capital Metro officials.

Representatives from Cap Metro and the University have denied the validity of posters that surfaced in the downtown area last week that claimed the routes would end Sept. 1.

The two shuttle routes service the South Campus area, running from west of MoPac Boulevard into central campus.

"There were some things posted on the bus stops for the ER, and we don't know who posted them. But it didn't come from the University or Capital Metro," said Bobby Stone, director of parking and transportation for UT. "That information is incorrect."

Cap Metro spokeswoman Misty Whited said UT shuttle services, which operate under Cap Metro, are part of Cap Metro's ServicePlan2020, a long-term plan intended to increase efficiency along all routes. She said that although nothing has been decided, there may be changes to shuttles in instances where they would improve the routes for riders.

"Something that's been talked about is that the [Enfield Road] and [Lake Austin] routes have low ridership, and we have some mainline routes in the same areas that have high ridership," Whited said. "We're looking at trimming the West Campus shuttle routes and improving service on the comparable mainline routes."

However, she said there are no immediate plans to cancel or alter any UT routes. She also



Scott Squires | Daily Texan Staff

Students crowd onto the West Campus E-Bus in downtown Austin on Saturday night.

denied rumors that Cap Metro was considering shutting down the E-Bus, a shuttle that carries students from campus to downtown areas after regular hours, Thursday through Saturday.

Student Government President Liam O'Rourke said SG representatives are part of the Cap Metro renegotiation committee that must approve of any

changes to bus routes before they are made.

"A lot of things have been thrown out in those meetings, but it's like a wish list, and no one is going to get everything they want," O'Rourke said. "We're going to get the most we can for students...and make sure students get adequate service wherever they are."



Kari Rosenfeld | Daily Texan Staff

Kayli Griffis and Jaime Olivas march during an anti-abortion rally. The rally took place Saturday, which was the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Thousands gather at Capitol to protest Roe v. Wade

Anti-abortion activists host rally to highlight stance on political issue

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

More than 4,000 anti-abortion activists marched the streets of Austin carrying picket signs and chanting "Hey, ho, Roe v. Wade has got to go" Saturday to protest the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

The Texas Rally for Life event began with a police-escorted march from Republic Square to the Capitol and included keynote speakers

Gov. Rick Perry; Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston; and Rep. Frank Cortez Jr., R-San Antonio.

"We want to send a message to our elected officials and to the media that Texas is pro-life," said Joe Pojman, executive director of Texas Alliance for Life. "Roe v. Wade is a terrible injustice that we believe should be overturned."

The alliance has been hosting the event annually for 25 years to protest the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion, Pojman said.

Carol Everett, a former abortion clinic owner and event speaker,

said attempts to regulate abortion in Texas in the early 1990s led to a decrease from 83 abortion clinics to 43 in 2009.

After the Parental Notification Act went into effect Jan. 1, 2000, the number of minors getting abortions dropped from 4,798 in 1999 to 3,830 in 2000, according to data from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The act requires that physicians inform a parent of the procedure at least 48 hours in advance but does not require parental consent.

The same data shows a drop to 3,258 abortions in 2008.

Though Michael Hurta, a government senior and University Democrats spokesman, said the vast majority of his group's members are in favor of abortion rights, they have not endorsed any candidate based on the issue in recent memory.

"We believe, generally as

ON THE WEB:

Exclusive video of Rally for Life

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campus watch

5100 BLOCK NORTH IH-35

A non-UT subject stopped a UT police officer and informed the officer that he had been assaulted by another non-UT subject. The victim explained the suspect had thrown a cup of coffee at him and at his vehicle after a “Road Rage” incident on IH-35. The officer located the suspect a short distance away. The suspect explained he had gotten into an argument with another person after that person had been “tailgating” for several miles. The suspect admitted he had tossed a cup of coffee at the other driver, only after the other driver had gotten out of his vehicle and approached his car. As the investigation continued, the officer learned the suspect had two outstanding Outside Agency arrest warrants. The subject was taken into custody and was transported to Central Booking. The victim declined to file Assault by Contact charges. Occurred on: 1-21-10, at 9:49 AM.

Crime Prevention Tip: I would like to pose a question here. Could a simple devise like a cellular telephone have de-escalated this incident? The answer is yes. Vehicle traffic on the streets and roadways around Austin will continue to increase, there is a likelihood of an incident of Road Rage between drivers. A cell phone can be used to report the incident to the police as it is occurring and help you avoid a conflict that can end in an assault.

2600 BLOCK WHITIS AVE.

A UT police officer observed two UT students attempting

to cross a busy street, avoiding traffic, while staggering and swaying. During the investigation, the officer saw one of the students had fallen which caused minor scrapes. The officer detected a very strong odor of alcohol on the injured student’s breath. The second student was attempting to assist the first to get back to her dormitory. The officer was handed a Texas Driver’s License by the female student. This document turned out to be a counterfeit when the subject opened her purse to retrieve her cell phone and the officer saw a second Texas DL.

2100 BLOCK SAN JACINTO BLVD.

A non-UT suspect was reported to have passed out at the intersection of 21st Street and San Jacinto Blvd. UT police officers located a subject leaning on top of a guard rail. As the officers approached the subject, the officers realized the subject had passed out and the guard rail had prevented him from falling 20 feet into the creek bed. The officers detected a very strong odor of alcohol on the subject’s breath and had a difficult time keeping the subject awake. The officers were able to understand the subject had been celebrating his birthday and his friends had left him somewhere on 6th Street. Austin EMS arrived to treat the subject for alcohol poisoning due to his inability to remain alert. The subject was transported to a local area hospital for additional treatment. Criminal charges are pending. Occurred on: 1-22-10, at 3:05 AM.

STUDY: Materialism cause of student stress, anxiety

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now have to juggle more volunteer service and extracurricular activities to compete in admissions.

“I also think people have more choices in life than ever before,” Damer said. “People get anxiety as they face all these difficult choices and get the idea they have only one chance to make the right decision.”

Society also does not stigmatize mental disorders like it did in the 1950s, causing more people to be open about their problems, Damer said.

The lenient acceptance of mental illness, however, did not skew the results of the research, Twenge said. While conducting surveys, researchers asked anonymous college and high school

students to list their symptoms and rate their feelings, rather than state their diagnoses or specific mental health problems.

Twenge also compared anxiety levels of the Amish to people who live a modern lifestyle and noticed the Amish still had comparatively lower anxiety levels. She used this example to show how people who value material goods and pursue goals such as money,

looks and status are more likely to have mental health problems.

“There’s just so much media exposure to consumer culture,” Twenge said. “You watch TV shows, and they’re all about the lives of the rich and famous. But if you look around in real life, you realize most of the people you know aren’t the rich and famous.”

“People... get the idea they have only one chance to make the right decision.”

— Diana Damer
UT anxiety specialist

ROE: Perry calls abortion key national issue

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Democrats, that the government should allow families — and specifically the mothers — to make their own choice [about abortion],” Hurta said.

College Republicans President Ryan Ellis, a government senior who attended the event, said that the group did not help plan or promote the event, but 10 members joined the march.

Perry said abortion, which he called the “issue of life,” is such a crucial issue that it stands above politics as a closed question.

“We love life in Texas,” Perry said. “I’m so proud of you all for your willingness to stand here today in front of God — in front of everyone — and send a message to the pro-abortion forces of our nation, a clear message: The issue of life is not a partisan issue.”

After the event, counter-protester Kara Knorpp disagreed.

“They’re up there saying things about God and saying, ‘This is not a political event,’ when it is a political event,” Knorpp said. “It’s nothing but a political event.”

CAPITOL: Metal detectors used during session

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legislative offices went missing. Trooper presence was increased, and mandatory, after-hour identification checks were implemented.

In June 2008 after the fire at the Governor’s Mansion, security presence at many state buildings was re-evaluated and temporarily heightened. Trooper presence was increased at the Capitol.

These incidents, however, resulted in no additional, long-term security changes at the building.

Mange said metal detectors have been temporarily placed at the Senate and House galleries’ entrances during the legislative session as an added precaution.

She said she was unsure if metal detectors would remain a permanent fixture at the Capitol.

Logan Spence, Patrick’s chief of staff, said the office is already back to normal, and the staff doesn’t feel any more threatened than it did before the incident. Patrick has in the days since called for a re-evaluation of security methods.

Spence said many legislators, including Patrick, find themselves at odds with their stances on gun control because restricting the right to carry a licensed gun goes against their values.

Patrick, a license-holder, often carries a gun, Spence said.

“Sen. Dan Patrick thinks there is a problem, and he strongly en-

courages leadership to look at this and make recommendations,” he said. “He wants a rational audit of how we handle things and what we can do to improve it.”

David and Gloria Davidson, Fort Worth residents visiting the Capitol, were unaware of Thursday’s alleged shooting.

“I was a little surprised that there weren’t any metal detectors here,” David Davidson said. “I was kind of pleasantly surprised.”

He said although he was aware of a sign at the entrance notifying visitors that their bags may be checked, his wife’s was not.

“You’d think in a historical landmark, they’d check this stuff — especially in today’s time,” he said.



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US drone crashes in lawless tribal area of Pakistan

By Rasool Dawar
The Associated Press
PESHAWAR, Pakistan — A suspected U.S. drone crashed in Pakistan's lawless tribal area near the Afghan border Sunday, a rare mishap for a program Washington relies on to kill Taliban and al-Qaida militants, said intelligence officials and a local resident.

Local tribesmen in North Waziristan were congratulating each other for shooting it down, said resident Saudur Rehman. But the Pakistani army rejected similar claims after a drone crashed in neighboring South Waziristan in 2008, citing a technical problem.

"I saw that the aircraft was coming down and finally crashed in an open area a distance from me," said Rehman, who indicated he heard gunfire just before the crash. "Tribesmen are celebrating and congratulating each other for shooting it down."

The crash occurred around 6 p.m. in the Hamdhoni area of North Waziristan, some 2.5 miles northwest of the main town of Miran Shah, said two intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

North Waziristan is dominated by militant groups that attack U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan. One of those groups, the Haqqani network, an al-Qaida-linked Afghan Taliban faction, is believed to have helped orchestrate the Dec. 30 suicide bombing at a remote base in Afghanistan that killed seven CIA employees.

In the roughly three weeks following the attack, suspected U.S. drones carried out 12 missile strikes in North and South Waziristan, an unprecedented volley since the covert CIA-led program began in earnest in Pakistan two years ago.



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A barge crashes into the side of the Eagle Otome after the two vessels collided, causing as many as 450,000 gallons of crude oil to spill in Port Arthur, Texas on Saturday.

Officials begin oil spill cleanup

By Juan A. Lozano
The Associated Press

PORT ARTHUR, Texas — The Coast Guard used sheets of plastic and skimmers Sunday to contain and clean up a crude oil spill in a southeast Texas port. The spill was contained in a 2-mile area and was not believed to have hurt any local wildlife, the Coast Guard said.

The spill happened Saturday when an 800-foot tanker collided with a towing vessel pushing two barges near Port Arthur. The tide lifted the two ships, and they separated around midnight Sunday, Petty Officer Richard Brahm said.

It's still not clear how much oil is in the water and how much remains in the tanker, Brahm said. A 15-by-8-foot hole in the tanker is near the water line, so plenty of oil could still be in the portion of the vessel under water, he said.

The ship's crew members said Saturday they pumped 69,000 barrels from the damaged tank that carried 80,000 barrels, so they have 11,000 barrels that they could not account for, Brahm said.

Several local officials said only 1,000 barrels, about 42,000 gallons, of oil spilled into the water. Even if 450,000 gallons were released, the spill would still be much smaller than the 11 million gallons spilled in Prince William Sound when the Exxon Valdez ran aground in 1989.

The spill in Port Arthur was contained using boom, which Brahm described as a plastic wall placed in the water to stop the oil from spreading. He said a cleanup crew

was using skimmers Sunday to suck oil and water from the surface and place it in bags.

Coast Guard Capt. J.J. Plunkett said initial reports indicated none of the oil in the Texas spill had affected area marshes. He said officials believed the oil spill was "pretty much contained" in a 2-mile stretch of the Sabine Neches Waterway that runs along the city of Port Arthur, located about 90 miles east of Houston.

WORLD BRIEFLY

Audio clip confirms Bin Laden responsible for bomb attempt

CAIRO — Osama bin Laden claimed responsibility for the attempt to bomb a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas in a new audio message released Sunday threatening further attacks on the United States.

The message suggests the al-Qaida leader wants to appear in direct command of the terrorist group's many affiliates around the world at a time when some analysts have suggested he is now mostly a figurehead.

In the minute-long recording carried by Al-Jazeera Arabic news channel, bin Laden addressed President Barack Obama saying the

Christmas attack was meant to send a message similar to that of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The message delivered to you through the plane of the heroic warrior Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was a confirmation of the previous messages sent by the heroes of the Sept. 11," he said. "America will never dream of security unless we will have it in reality in Palestine," he added.

"God willing, our raids on you will continue as long as your support for the Israelis continues."

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Myths About Israel and the Middle East (1)

Do the media feed us fiction instead of fact?

We all know that, by dint of constant repetition, white can be made to appear black, good can get transformed into evil, and myth may take the place of reality. Israel, with roughly one-thousandth of the world's population and with a similar fraction of the territory of this planet, seems to engage a totally disproportionate attention of the print and broadcast media of the world. Unfortunately, much of what the media tell us — in reporting, editorializing in columns, and in analysis — are endlessly repeated myths.

What are the facts?

■ **Myth:** The "Palestinians" are a nation and therefore deserving of a homeland.

Reality: The concept of Palestinian nationhood is a new one and had not been heard of until after the Six-Day War (1967), when Israel, by its victory, came into the administration of the territories of Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") and the Gaza Strip. The so-called "Palestinians" are no more different from the Arabs living in the neighboring countries of Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, than Wisconsinites are from Iowans.

■ **Myth:** Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") and the Gaza Strip are "occupied Arab territory."

Reality: All of "Palestine" — east and west of the Jordan River — was part of the League of Nations mandate. Under the Balfour Declaration, all of it was to be the "national home for the Jewish people." In violation of this mandate, Great Britain severed the entire area east of the Jordan River — about 75% of Palestine — and gave it to the Arabs, who created on it the kingdom of Transjordan. When Israel declared its independence in 1948, five Arab armies invaded the new country in order to destroy it at its very birth. They were defeated by the Israelis. The Transjordanians, however, remained in occupation of Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") and East Jerusalem. They proceeded to drive all Jews from those territories and to systematically destroy all Jewish houses of worship and other institutions. The Transjordanians (now renamed "Jordanians") were the occupiers for nineteen years. Israel regained these territories following its victory in the Six-Day War. Israel has returned the entire Gaza Strip to the Palestinians. The final status of the "West

Bank" will be decided if and when the Palestinians will finally be able to sit down and seriously talk peace with Israel.

■ **Myth:** Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") are the "greatest obstacle to peace."

Reality: This is simply not correct, although it has been repeated so often that many have come to believe it. The greatest obstacle to peace is the intransigence and the irreconcilable hostility of the Arabs. Not more than 200,000 Jews are settled in these territories, living among about 1.4 million Arabs. How can Jews living there be an obstacle to peace? Why shouldn't they live there? About 1.2 million Arabs live in Israel proper. They are not an obstacle to peace. Neither the Israelis nor they themselves consider them as such.

■ **Myth:** Israel is unwilling to yield "land for peace."

Reality: The concept that to the loser, rather than to the victor, belong the spoils is a radically new one, never before thought of in world history. Israel has emerged victorious in the five wars imposed on it by the Arabs. In order to make peace, it has returned over 90% of the territory occupied by it, specifically the vast Sinai Peninsula, to Egypt. That territory contained some of the most advanced military installations in the world, prosperous cities and settlements, and oil fields developed entirely by Israel that made it independent of petroleum imports. In the Camp David Accords, Israel agreed to autonomy for Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") with the permanent status to be determined after three years. But no responsible Palestinian representation has been available to negotiate with Israel about this.

All these myths (and others we shall talk about) have poisoned the atmosphere for decades. The root cause of the never-ending conflict is the unwillingness of the Arabs (and not just the Palestinians) to accept the reality of Israel. What a pity that those of the Palestinians who are not Israeli citizens have lived and continue to live in poverty, misery and ignorance. They could have chosen to accept the proposed partition of the country in 1947, would now have had their state alongside Israel for over sixty years and could have lived in peace and prosperity. They could have kept hundreds of thousands of refugees in their homes and could have saved tens of thousands of lives. Peace will only come when the Arabs finally accept the reality of Israel. And that is not a myth — that is a fact!

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HORNS UP, HORNS DOWN



Rep. Eddie Rodriguez

On Thursday, a man fired a gun into the air outside of the state Capitol after staffers denied him a meeting with a state senator. No one was hurt, and the man was swiftly apprehended. But the scare has sparked renewed debate on Texas handgun laws, which allow individuals to carry guns freely into the Capitol.

Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin, was among a group of state leaders who sensibly responded to the incident by calling for guns to be banned from the Capitol. State law already bans guns from schools and courthouses.

“We need to rethink the whole issue of allowing guns in the Capitol — and that’s the political part of this we need to get past,” Rodriguez told the Austin American-Statesman.

That “political part” refers to Texas lawmakers who have resisted such bans — many lawmakers themselves carry guns into the building. And Gov. Rick Perry — who conveniently responded Friday after, as the Statesman reported, receiving a re-election endorsement from the National Rifle Association — is leading the charge against increased security measures. Perry said he doesn’t want to see the Capitol “turn into DFW airport.”

We hope the lawmakers see success in pushing for this ban on guns from being carried into the Capitol, which has a history of attracting the disgruntled and, unfortunately at times, the violent.

And we hope those who are pushing against even increased security, including the addition of metal detectors at entrances, realize that it is their own safety — perhaps their own lives — they could be saving with such measures.



Cutting UT’s budget

Shortly after UT’s Tuition Policy Advisory Committee recommended a 3.95-percent tuition increase, Gov. Rick Perry’s office sent a letter to state agencies requesting that they lay out plans to trim 5 percent of their budget.

The UT System is not exempt from this request, and officials must submit their proposed cuts by Feb. 15. UT Chief Financial Officer Kevin Hegarty said the cut would cost UT \$29 million, according to The Daily Texan.

In the letter, Perry touts Texas’ relatively steady economic footing but in the next breath asserts that the state “owe[s] it to the taxpayers to be especially prudent with their hard-earned dollars during these difficult times.”

As if funding the state’s flagship university is not a prudent use of money.

The Legislature has historically underfunded UT and shifted the financial onus onto administrators, who in turn shift that burden onto students in the form of higher tuition.

Now in difficult financial straits, UT has been left scrambling to balance its budget by instituting salary freezes and cutting lecture positions and classes — and the cutting has only just begun.

Perry should include UT among the state agencies and programs — such as the Children’s Health Insurance Program and Social Security contributions — that are not required to cut their budgets. Higher education should be one of the state’s foremost priorities, and Perry should conduct his financial operations accordingly.



Auditing UT

The Internal Revenue Service has begun an audit of UT, as well as several other universities. The audit focuses on “executive compensation practices and income unrelated to the University’s educational mission,” according to the Austin American-Statesman.

The goal of the IRS audit ultimately will be to locate any areas of spending and compensation that could deserve further scrutiny for UT’s financial practices as a nonprofit organization. Though nothing in particular prompted the IRS to run the audit, UT was selected after responding to a questionnaire in October of 2008.

If nothing else, the audit should prove as a much-needed check on the University’s spending practices in fields not related to education. Given the rate at which colleges and departments are being told to downsize and cut spending, it will be nice to see if the administration is following its own strict guidelines of financial sacrifice.

Unfortunately, the results of the audit won’t come out for at least a few months, long after recommendations regarding the budget and tuition from President William Powers Jr. reach the UT System Board of Regents. Highly compensated figures such as Mack Brown — who recently received a raise, bringing his salary up to \$5 million — probably won’t qualify as an “executive” under the audit.

However, the depth of the IRS’s investigations is up to its discretion. Audits of institutions this large in nature usually result in interesting findings. We hope whatever does come up will shed light on ways for the University to remain financially responsible amidst the gloomy economic backdrop.

GALLERY



Open-source Austin



By Douglas Luippold
Daily Texan Columnist

In terms of public interest, city government generally ranks somewhere between women’s basketball and the U.S. Department of the Interior. It is easy to see why, when national and state politics offer a host of intriguing personalities and stories. National politics has given us a politician admitting to fathering a child he conceived while cheating on his cancerous wife, a legislative body in which a 41-person minority seems to have more sway than a 59-person majority and a high court legalizing corporate sponsorship for political campaigns. And that was just last week.

State politics is even intriguing at times. Texans enjoy the hijinks of an egomaniacal governor who acts like his position is tenured, and Californians are seeing what happens when you put Arnold Schwarzenegger in charge of the world’s fifth-largest economy. Municipalities, however, are only noticed when Los Angeles makes weed more readily available or, conversely, when New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg bans another unhealthy food.

Seeing as public involvement is probably most essential at the local level, it is unfortunate that city governments normally find themselves outside the public consciousness. While there is no way most cities can compete with national and state governments in terms of scandal and sleaze, there are many ways they can enhance public awareness and involvement. One innovative way to do this is by adapting open-source software.

San Francisco recently enacted the nation’s first open-source software policy for city government, and Austin should

follow because it will save the city millions, lead to greater public involvement and improve how our city runs.

Open-source software is software for which the source code is free to access and modify and not copyrighted. Essentially, it means that anybody who wants to can access the software and improve upon it. This is ideal for city government because it allows the public to collectively utilize its talent to improve the way the city runs.

Last week, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom announced the city’s new open-source policy. He claims it will result in “lower costs, greater agility, better reliability, improved security and increased innovation.”

Austinites have a tradition of local political involvement that is unmatched by many other cities in the country. That, paired with Austin’s continuing emergence as a leader in new technologies, makes open-source software a perfect fit for our municipality.

San Francisco’s 311 Platform is a program that has already shown the benefits of open source. The program allows citizens to text or Tweet the city about issues such as crime or traffic. Because the city released

the code for the program, any citizen has the opportunity to improve upon it. With Austin still adjusting to its new position as a major city, this type of public collaboration could make the transition infinitely easier and enhance the quality of life for its citizens.

Local government will never have the sex appeal of a party that relishes in denying health care to millions or a New York governor with a propensity for prostitutes. But it needs public involvement much more than state or national governments. Open-source software allows the public to innovate its city, and Austin should adopt it.

Luippold is a government and journalism junior.

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The editorial board sat down with the student members of the Tuition Policy Advisory Committee on Sunday afternoon. We discussed the reasons behind their decisions to recommend a tuition increase and to keep their meetings closed to the press. All of the questions, answers and awkward moments are viewable online at dailytexanonline.com in the opinion section.

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President Barack Obama may not be a reader, but a copy of the Texan runs across UT President William Powers Jr.’s desk each day, and opinions on this page have potential to affect UT policy.

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THE FIRING LINE

UT needs a bigger vision for tuition

On Tuesday, the UT community will again comment on proposed increases in tuition.

President William Powers Jr. will be listening. He and UT face two problems: how to meet budget needs the next two years and how to fund UT over the long haul.

The recommendations of the Tuition Policy Advisory Committee satisfy short-term needs. They prevent a deficit but do not cover salary increases or new hires to help UT raise its status.

TPAC does not discuss the ever-escalating cost of running UT in its present manner, estimated by Powers at 2.8 percent annually

since 1990, after allowing for inflation. (Seventy percent of UT’s costs represent labor, and UT raises salaries to match the private market.) At 2.8 percent a year, real costs double in 25 years. A fair question to Powers is: How is doubling the cost of college to be handled?

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education fails Texas on “affordability,” noting that for 2007-2008 it required 26 percent of median family income to send one resident student for one year to a public four-year college. In the past, doubling a low charge did not present the same problem as doubling today’s high tuition. Now, families and students, except the wealthy, have reached their limits.

Nor is the Legislature likely to double its contribution. Whatever increase the Legislature might muster would probably expand access to college, not fund ever-escalating costs of the

status quo. Viewed this way, the problem is not how to find the money to permit UT to continue present ways, but what changes UT must make to assure it is affordable.

Among the possibilities is shifting some college learning to earlier years or elsewhere, as at UT-Dallas, where more undergraduates now transfer in than start as freshmen. Another option includes shortening professional courses (Northwestern University now grants a two-year juris doctor).

These are only examples of the many changes we must consider as UT designs a university for which tuition can then be set. Setting tuition with only a two-year horizon is shortsighted.

— Francis Dummer Fisher
Senior Research Fellow, JD
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Texas students cuckoo for Coco



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff
Electrical engineering freshman Daniel Ogilvie (center) and liberal arts junior Jesse Moorefield rallied students with signs depicting Conan O'Brien's iconic light skin.

Hours before the airing of the last “The Tonight Show with Conan O’Brien” on Friday night, supporters of “Team Coco” gathered on the south steps of the UT Tower.

O’Brien decided to leave the show after being given the con-

troversial option of moving to a different time slot so Jay Leno could reclaim his original show time. NBC will pay O’Brien \$32 million, in addition to the \$12 million being paid to his 200-person staff.

Jesse Moorefield, a fan of

O’Brien for more than 16 years, helped organize the rally by distributing more than 100 flyers and by creating a Facebook event and a Craigslist ad. He said O’Brien’s style brought a boyish rambunctious and devious sense of humor to NBC that will be lost

with his departure.

“We are losing that fun attitude in favor of playing it safe,” Moorefield said. “I am hopeful Conan will stick around somewhere on some other network, and we will see more of him.”

— Bobby Longoria

IRS announces audit of finances, UT under review

By Radhika Sakalkale
Daily Texan Staff

The Internal Revenue Service is conducting an audit of colleges and universities across the nation to review the financial activities of these institutions, including Harvard University, Texas A&M University and UT.

“Auditing in general is done to verify the financial statements issued by corporations,” said UT economics professor Michael Sadler.

The IRS began a compliance project in 2008, requiring more than 400 colleges and universities to complete questionnaires to quantify their finances. UT and 39 other schools were notified last fall that they have been scheduled for audits this year. The UT audit began in January.

“This effort reflects our work to build a better understanding of the largest, most complex organizations in the tax-exempt sector,” IRS commissioner Doug Shulman said in a 2008 press release. “The information gathered will help us identify issues and areas that may need more outreach and education or further scrutiny.”

According to the federal agency’s Web site, the IRS wants to gain a better understanding of the financial activities of colleges and universities. Through the results of the questionnaires, the IRS seeks to cal-

culate and report the financial income or losses of the institutions, determine whether or not the college’s expenditures are tax-exempt and allocate revenue and expenses between taxable and tax-exempt activities.

“[The audit] means a lot of paperwork. That’s the problem — it’s a darned nuisance,” said UT economics professor Daniel Hamermesh. “We don’t need to worry about it other than just do our jobs, do our dirty work and keep our government happy.”

The IRS distributed the questionnaires to a mix of small, medium and large private and public four-year colleges and institutions.

“After reviewing those surveys, it appears that they are trying to take a sampling of those 400-plus institutions across the country,” said Matt Flores, UT System spokesman.

Lea Crusberg, IRS official for Texas, declined to comment on UT’s auditing process.

Hamermesh said UT is a target for this project because it is a prominent institution and a large employer.

The IRS also wants to examine the salary compensation of university executives and how universities invest and use their endowment funds.

“The question is, ‘Does UT look unusually bad on this?’ I don’t think so,” Hamermesh said.

Study aims at ‘elevating young people’s moods’ as means of treatment

By Hannah Jones
Daily Texan Staff

Clinically depressed children in Belgium and the Netherlands may benefit from a UT education psychologist professor’s treatment program.

Kevin Stark’s treatment program, which is geared toward elevating young people’s moods, was adopted by the Belgium and Dutch

governments to assist in development and problem-solving skills.

The first part of Stark’s program is designed to help change a patient’s attitude. Patients are suggested to try fun, soothing and distracting activities when they feel stressed. Under the treatment program, patients should also exercise, seek social support through friends and have a positive atti-

tude. The second part of the program addresses patients’ problem-solving skills and how they can handle stress.

“What we want to do is get [children’s] moods up through more activity and through coping skills and reduce stress through problem-solving and coping skills,” Stark said. “Then, we help them to think more positively and real-

istically about themselves in general.”


Stark said during his research with 15 graduate students, they met with girls between the ages of 9 and 14 from different schools and identified clinically depressed disorders with severe symptoms. They received 20 group therapy sessions plus two individual sessions in which they can learn and

apply the skills.

According to the Federal Inter-agency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, from 2004 to 2007, the prevalence of major depressive episodes among youths was more than twice as high among females, which ranged from 12 percent to 13 percent, as it was among males, ranging from 4 percent to 5 percent.

After the treatment program finished, Stark said the program had an 84-percent success rate in reducing depression.

“There is a movement to only pay for treatments that have been shown to really work,” Stark said. “Belgium and the Netherlands are a little further ahead in terms of their insistence on using evidence-based treatment.”



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UT broadcast students could land Oscars gig

By Madeeha Khursheed
Daily Texan Staff

Two UT students are awaiting a decision that might put them on the Hollywood A-list, if only for one night.

Loren Grush, broadcast journalism and government senior, and Xorje Olivares, broadcast journalism and ethnic studies senior, are waiting to see if they can attend March's Academy Awards ceremony as "Red Carpet Correspondents."

Both students are semifinalists in a contest organized by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as well as MTVU, MTV's 24-hour college network, that would allow them to interview celebrities attending the event.

"The contest seeks to find the best college journalists in the country," said academy spokeswoman Tarrah Lee Curtis.

Students applied for the contest in teams composed of an anchor and a videographer. They were required to submit a video explaining why they should be chosen to win the contest, Curtis said.

Initially, 15 entries were chosen from the thousands of submitted videos. From those, 10 semifinalists — including the team from UT — were announced Wednesday.

The video filmed by the UT students was completed in little more than a day, Grush said.

"It was more of a whim — one day before the deadline," Grush said. "I just had a list of reasons down why I should be chosen, and we found ways to add humor to it."

Three weeks later, they got a phone call telling them to watch out for the semifinalist list. There will be two rounds of voting to determine the grand-prize winner of the contest.

The three videos with the most votes by Feb. 10 will be declared finalists. Those teams will be flown to Los Angeles to take part in the pre-events of the pre-Oscar events, which include the Animated Feature Symposium, Foreign Language Film Award Nominees Symposium, the Makeup Artist and Hairstylist Symposium and the Governor's Ball preview.

From Feb. 16 through March 2, another round of voting will determine the winner of the contest. The winning team will be allowed to cover the awards ceremony from the red carpet and will also have access to the backstage press room.

The videos can be seen, and votes can be submitted, on MTVU's Web site.



Derek Stout | Daily Texan Staff

Loren Grush and Xorje Olivares are semifinalists in a competition to cover the 82nd annual Academy Awards.

Runners take strides for a cause

By Deborah Briscoe
Daily Texan Staff

On Sunday morning, 5,500 runners pounded the pavement for the Austin 3M Half Marathon and Relay. It was the largest number of race participants in the half marathon's 16-year history.

The sold-out race benefited Any Baby Can, an organization providing help to young, underprivileged and unhealthy children. The charity received a guaranteed \$30,000 donation from race proceeds.

The race is Austin's third-largest distance, road-racing event and is known for its downhill advantage as well as participant goodie bags filled with 3M products.

Along with Austin residents and UT students, runners from around the world participated in the race, including last year's women's winner, Belainesh Gebre, from Ethiopia.

Marketing junior Megan Obsta began competing her freshman year and has since completed three half marathons. Sunday marked her first time participating in the 3M Half Marathon and Relay. Obsta said she is involved in fundraising for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and enjoys competing in races that support a cause.

"That's one thing I love about



Danielle Villasana | Daily Texan Staff

Participants in the 16th annual Austin 3M Half Marathon and Relay wait in the lobby of the Embassy Suites Hotel located near the starting line Sunday morning.

Obsta said that although she is racing. It gives you an opportunity to give back," Obsta said. "It's always better when you're running for something."

Nursing sophomore Danielle McLain, participated in the race's relay competition. McLain said she was looking forward to this year's race because she trained better than she had last year.

"I am excited about this year. The atmosphere of it all is a lot of fun," McLain said. "I am concerned about [being sore] afterwards [and] not being able to walk to class."

Obsta said that although she is

an "endurance junkie," she was looking forward to the end of the half marathon and her post-race tradition of pizza and beer.

"That's the best feeling about it all — just knowing you finished," said Amanda Allen, business junior and race participant.

Research suggests changes to appendicitis treatment

By Hannah Jones
Daily Texan Staff

The mysterious origins of appendicitis may actually be related to viral infections and can be treated with antibiotics, according to recent research from UT-Southwestern Medical Center.

UT-Southwestern doctor Edward Livingston, along with a team of researchers, analyzed data of patients discharged from hospitals who had either acute or perforated appendicitis over a 36-year span.

UT-Southwestern's research

suggests that surgery may not be necessary for all appendicitis treatments. Instead, the illness could be treated with antibiotics. Children thought to have flu-like symptoms might have a pre-disease to appendicitis instead, Livingston said.

Theresa Spalding, medical director at UT's University Health Services, said there is no accurate way to determine how many students have been seen at UHS for appendicitis, and a confirmatory diagnosis of appendicitis is usually made by hospital staff.

"Health-care providers in primary-care facilities like UHS usually make more general diagnoses such as abdominal pain, so there's no real way to know how many of these were actual appendicitis," Spalding said.

Students with suspected appendicitis are referred to emergency-care facilities in the community.

Chris Carroll, a sophomore statistics major at the UT-San Antonio, said he started having flu-like symptoms and re-occurring pain in the sixth grade.

"My doctor kept giving me dif-

ferent medicines without knowing I had appendicitis," Carroll said. "Later in the year, I had the surgery, and today it doesn't have any impact on me."

If a student is concerned about having unexplained abdominal pain, they can call the UHS 24-Hour Nurse Advice Line at 475-6877.

"One of our nurses will use specific guidelines to help determine the likelihood that appendicitis is a possibility and advise the student on what they should do," Spalding said.

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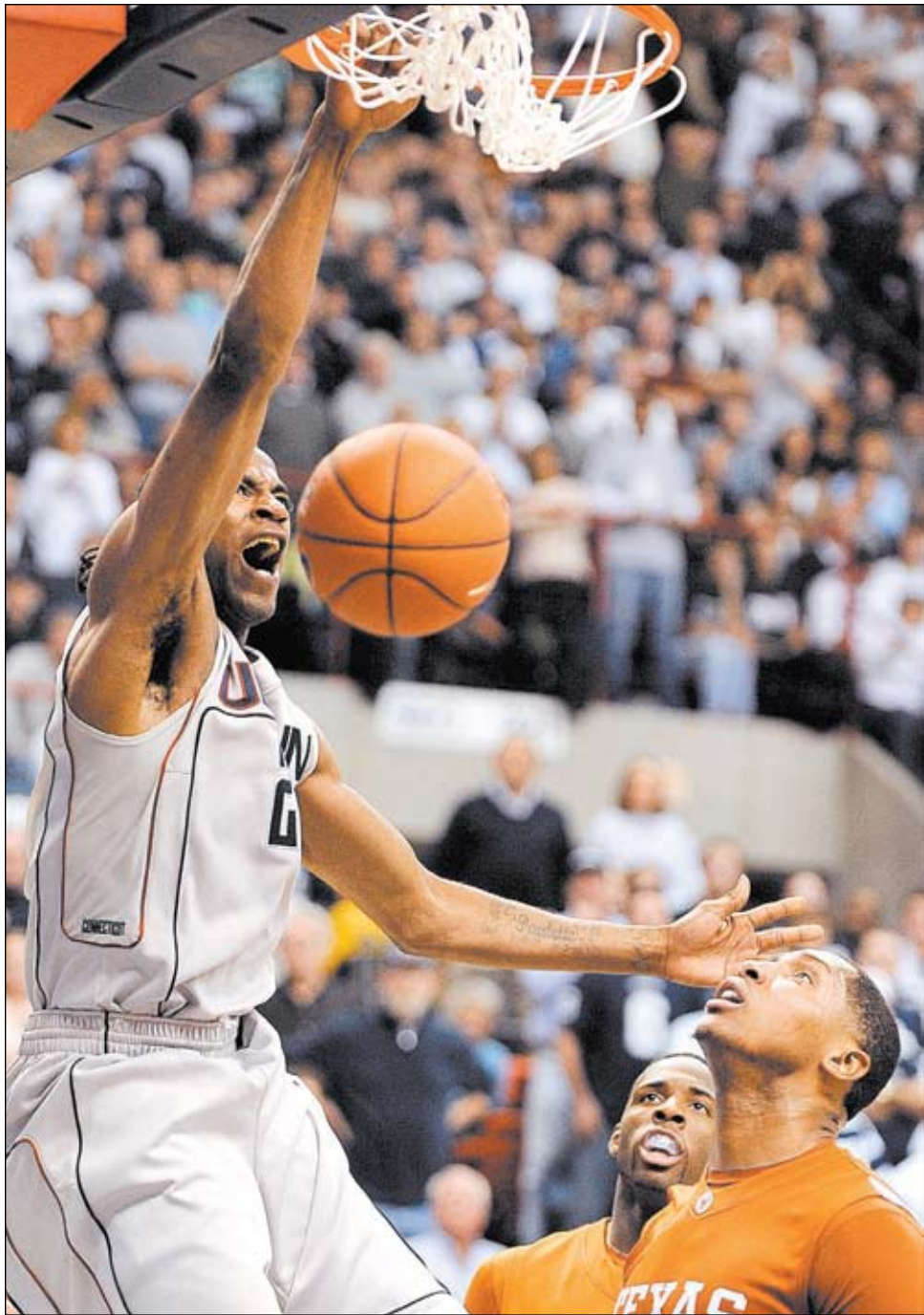


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TEXAS 74



Huskies dominate top-ranked Horns



Texas' Damion James and Gary Johnson can only watch as Connecticut forward Stanley Robinson flushes a one-handed dunk during the Huskies' 88-74 win over the Longhorns on Saturday.

Fred Beckham | Associated Press

Texas blows early lead, receives another loss after strong 17-0 start

By Laken Litman
Daily Texan Staff

A slam dunk by Dexter Pittman started off the game, and it looked as if top-ranked Texas was going to get its big man going early.

But then, just like in the past four games, the Pittman became a nonfactor, and his teammates didn't provide any help in Texas' 88-74 loss to No. 21 Connecticut on Saturday in Storrs, Conn.

Texas had a good offensive rhythm at first but found itself swimming upstream in the second half due to too much dribbling and misses at the rim — the same factors that heavily contributed to the team's first loss at

Kansas State last week.

"I think it has been great for the younger guys to go through this and realize that right now, at this time of year, the intensity has got to go up," said Texas coach Rick Barnes. "We're just not playing together as a team as we need to. We obviously need to get Dexter back involved."

The beginning of the game went the Longhorns' way as they rolled over the Huskies for the majority of the first half, taking advantage of turnovers and making free throws — they shot 83.3 percent at the half.

The Huskies did their part to help. They came into the game averaging 14 turnovers a game and had 16 by halftime — 10 from guards Jerome Dyson and Kemba Walker — resulting in

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Pittman vanishes again; foul trouble, turnovers plague other Longhorns

By Will Anderson
Daily Texan Staff

There were plenty of reasons Texas fell to Connecticut on Saturday afternoon, but the most glaring was 6 feet 10 inches tall.

Texas center Dexter Pittman, the team's No. 3 scorer, finished with just two field goals and as many rebounds in 15 minutes of action.

That's not to say Pittman single-handedly cost Texas the game — rather, it was a collective effort from the team's frontcourt.

"We're not playing as a team," said Texas coach Rick Barnes.

Aside from Damion James, who scored 23 points as he roamed the perimeter and drove

to the basket, Texas' five other post players combined for just 16 points. As a group, they shot 7 of 17 from the floor.

And UConn out-rebounded Texas 36-34. It was only the second time the Longhorns lost the battle on the boards this season, the first being last week's defeat at Kansas State.

"It all starts on the defensive end," the Huskies' Jerome Dyson said. "We need to run the court. We need to rebound, and we need to get on the break and put pressure on the other team."

One play that perhaps best displayed the Horns' ineptitude up front came with 6:54 left in the game. Guard Dogus Balbay inbounded to Pittman who, while holding the ball over his head and looking to pass, had it

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Iowa State 73, No. 20 Texas 71 (OT)

Texas slips late, Iowa State surges for overtime win

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

Iowa State's Alison Lacey knew that she had fought too hard to lose this game.

"We just told ourselves, 'We're fine. We're still in this,'" Lacey said. "We always find a way to win."

With five seconds remaining in regulation and facing a 3-point deficit, she hurled a shot from well beyond the arc. The Texas women's basketball team (13-6; 2-3 Big 12) could only stare as the ball kissed the bottom of the net to send a game that they had complete control of into a disheartening overtime where they fell, 73-71, at the Frank Erwin Center.

Texas coach Gail Goostenkors and the No. 20 Longhorns will have nightmares after Saturday's heartbreaker because they know that one play would have spared them defeat.

"It came down to being able to get one stop, one rebound, and we didn't do it, so I'm extremely frus-

trated," Goostenkors said. "Great teams need to be able to make great plays, whether it is offensively or defensively down the stretch."

In the final 30 seconds of regulation, with the Cyclones down by three, the Longhorns failed to secure three different defensive rebounds that would have won them the game. Instead, Iowa scrapped for the three loose balls, allowing Lacey to tie the game.

The loss is even harder to swallow considering the fact that Texas had dominated most of the game. The Longhorn defense was stingy in the first half, not allowing a single Cyclone point for nearly six first-half minutes.

Iowa found itself in early foul trouble. Texas, however, could not capitalize from the charity stripe, making only 20-29 free throws.

Texas' tough core of sharp shooters came out on fire. The Longhorns

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Cooper keys win on last relay leg

By Ryan Betori
Daily Texan Staff

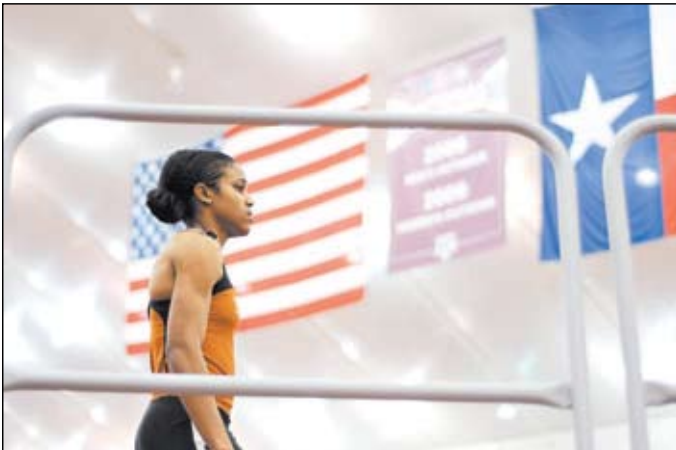
At Saturday's Texas A&M dual meet, it came down to a neck and neck finish for the No. 15 Longhorns. During the final 4x400 meter relay, the team edged out the No. 1-ranked Aggies by three-tenths of a second for the victory.

Heading into the final race, the mile relay, both teams were squared at 75:50. Sophomore relay runners Judy Nwosu and Stacey-Ann Smith secured an early lead. Junior Chantel Malone then extended it. In the final stretch, sophomore Angele Cooper was able to hold off A&M's Jessica Beard for the 80.5-78.5 win.

"I'm speechless. This feels so surreal," Cooper said. "It felt really great to get that win."

Head coach Beverly Kearney echoed Cooper, saying she couldn't have scripted a better ending.

Such a finish appropriately capped a well-rounded Longhorn showing. Saturday saw a slew of noteworthy performances, including a host of in-



Derek Stout | Daily Texan Staff

Texas sophomore sprinter Angele Cooper prepares for a race at Saturday's dual meet against Texas A&M in College Station. Cooper's mile relay performance gave Texas the 80.5-78.5 win.

dividual wins.

Freshman Natasha Masterson cleared an NCAA provisional height of 13-6 1/4 (4.12 meters) to tie the Texas indoor pole-vault record. The mark outdid Masterson's previous personal best by almost a full foot.

"She was unbelievable today," Kearney said of Masterson. "That shows the kind of heart she has."

Masterson's performance was just one of six provisional marks and eight individual event wins the team tallied on its way to the podium.

Mia Behm, Kennetra Jones, Julie Amthor and Betzy Jimenez all led a distance medley relay victory that tied the score for the Longhorns heading into the

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MEN'S TENNIS

No. 8 Texas 6, Arkansas 1

Longhorns kick off spring with road win over rival

By Rishi Daulat
Daily Texan Staff

Starting off the season with a bang — it's what the No. 8 Texas tennis team did, destroying No. 53 Arkansas, 6-1, on the road in its first match of the season.

The Horns made sure the match was not going to be close early on as they dominated the doubles session, sweeping all three matches.

Dimitar Kutrovsky and Josh Zavala, the No.-22 ranked doubles team in the country, demolished the Arkansas duo of Chris Nott and Dmitry Lebedev, 8-3, at first dou-

bles. Kellen Damico and Ed Corrie were the first to finish as they beat Matthew Hogan and Matt Walters, 8-5. At third doubles, Vasko Mladenov and Jon Wiegand completed the sweep, 8-4, over Michael Ward and Nikolas Zogaj.

Even with his team's domination in doubles, head coach Michael Center wasn't thoroughly pleased with his team's performance early on.

"We had some opportunities early in doubles, but I didn't think we were aggressive enough to get those breaks," Center said. "We

need to execute on these break points and put some balls in play, but I give Arkansas credit. They played well."

Similar to the UT basketball team, the Horns boast a couple of star freshmen in their lineup. Two highly-touted freshmen, No. 104 Mladenov and No. 85 Daniel Whitehead, made their singles debuts for the Horns in the fifth and sixth singles spots respectively.

Mladenov fell in the first set to Gregoire Lehmann but bounced back to take the next two sets and win the match, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Whitehead won the first set easily, but Arkansas' Zogaj eked out the second set in a tiebreaker and then prevailed in the third set super-tiebreaker, 2-6, 7-6, 1-0 (10-3). Though both freshmen were involved in three-set matches and Whitehead didn't win, Center was overall pleased with the two players' performances.

"I thought Vasko and Daniel did well," Center said. "I know Daniel was disappointed because he was in the best position to win and had a chance in the tiebreaker. They did a lot of good things."

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Buckner officially transfers to Arizona 10 days after arrest

It didn't take long for former Texas wide receiver Dan Buckner to find a home.

The sophomore, who was arrested Jan. 13 in College Station, announced Saturday that he will transfer to Arizona and has already enrolled for the spring semester. He will redshirt for his first season with the Wildcats and have two years of eligibility remaining. His new coach is Mike Stoops, brother of Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops.

Buckner was Texas' third-leading receiver with 45 catches for 442 yards and four touchdowns. The 6-foot-4-inch 215-pounder had more of an impact early in the season as the flex tight end. He saw his playing time decrease dramatically when the offensive coordinator switched to using more traditional tight end sets.

— Blake Hurtik



Sara Young | Daily Texan Staff

Texas guard Ashleigh Fontenette and coach Gail Goostenkors can't hide their disappointment after Saturday's 73-71 loss to Iowa State.

LOSS: Longhorns fall flat in second half

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25 Texas points. The Longhorns held a 42-34 lead at the break.

At the start of the second half, things seemed to pick up right where they left off when UConn forward Stanley Robinson caused his team's 17th turnover of the game. Junior guard Dogus Balbay stole a pass — UConn's 17th turnover of the game — and dished it to freshman guard Avery Bradley for the dunk.

UConn immediately called a timeout, and that's when things started to turn sour for Texas.

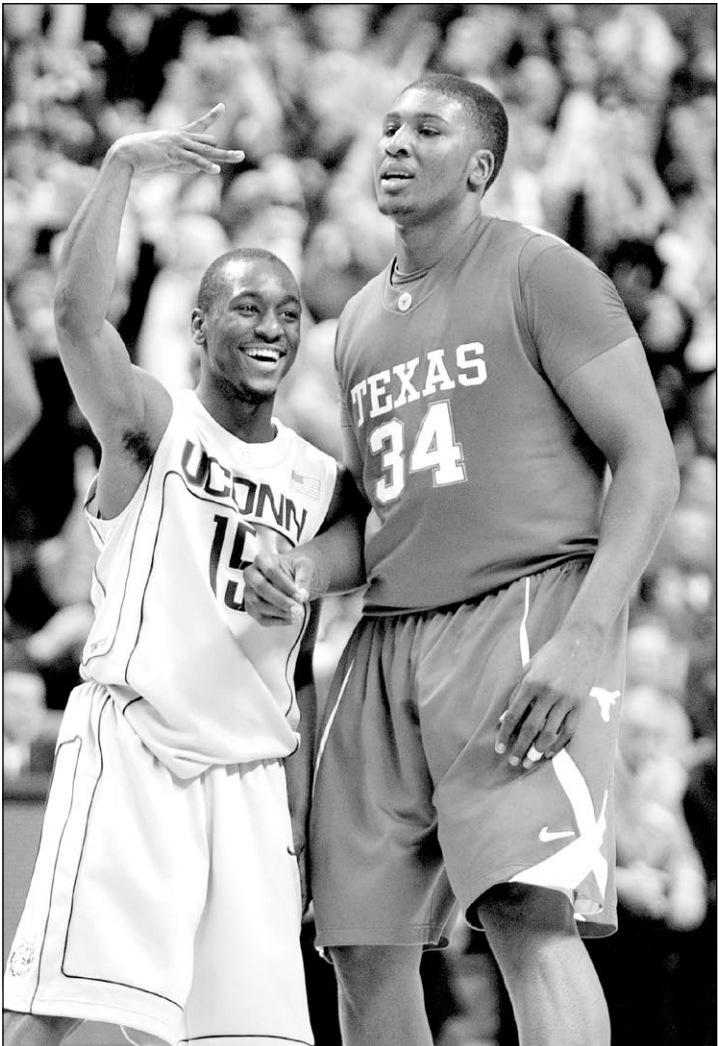
Dyson came out of the timeout re-energized, making two steals, one of which he converted into a fast-break dunk to pull the Huskies to 44-41. UConn went on a 13-0 run and grabbed a 58-52 lead. Dyson continued to lead his team past the Longhorns as he finished with a game-high 32 points.

The teams' roles reversed in the second half. After having 16 turnovers in the first, the Huskies only had four in the second. Texas had eight turnovers in the first and 11 in the second.

Walker, who went 0-6 in the first with six turnovers, put the game out of reach when he made a reverse layup to give UConn a 10-point lead. Then, after a Texas turnover, Walker hit a 25-foot 3-pointer as the shot clock expired to make it a 71-58 game with 6:11 left.

"Once we started making a big play here and a big play here and the crowd got going, the energy just went through us," Dyson said.

Pittman fouled out of the



Fred Beckham | Associated Press

Texas' Dexter Pittman looks on as Connecticut guard Kemba Walker celebrates after making a 3-pointer late in the Huskies' 88-74 win.

game for the first time this season with 3:15 left on the clock. Senior forward Damion James, who has led the Longhorns all season in every aspect, didn't show up until it was too late. He had 23 points, 14 of which were in the second half, and 10 of those points were in the last

four minutes.

"It's tough, and I'd be lying to you if I said it ain't," James said. "We'll get back on a roll now. I know me, and I know this team, and we'll get back going. Maybe this is what it takes to bring us back down to reality."

PITTMAN: Big man continues to be nonfactor

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stolen from behind by Dyson.

UConn missed an easy layup on the ensuing possession, but despite two Longhorns touching the ball, they were unable to come up with a defensive board.

The result?

The Huskies kicked it back outside to Kemba Walker, who took a wide-open shot from long range to give his team a 71-58 lead.

Pittman later fouled out with 3:15 to go.

"I told the guys I was really disappointed defensively, but I don't want to take anything away from Connecticut because they pretty much had their way with us," Barnes said.

The play also epitomized the Longhorns' turnover troubles. The Horns lost the ball 19 times, and while some of those unforced errors came from the guards (Avery Bradley had three), a fair share came from the posts as well, including three by Pittman.

Those turnovers led directly to 22 second-half points for the Huskies.

"We should have just kept smacking them in the face," Bradley said. "They responded well."

When Balbay, one of his team's top on-ball defenders, was forced to sit out after picking up his fourth foul at the 8:39 mark of the second half, the Huskies went on a 19-8 run that broke the game wide

open. Texas' big men simply could not pick up the defensive slack.

"It's tough," James said. "I'd be lying if I said it's not. We feel like we are one of the best teams in the country."

The Longhorns also doubled the Huskies in personal fouls. Pittman was the only player to hit five, but James, Balbay, Gary Johnson and Jai Lucas each accumulated four.

"I think it has been great for the younger guys to go through this and realize that right now, at this time of year, the intensity has got to go up," Barnes said after the game. "But we'll get better from it. I've got a good group of guys. They want to be a good basketball team."

MEN'S TRACK

Texas wins five events, loses to A&M

By Jim Pagels
Daily Texan Staff

Facing the defending outdoor champions Saturday, the Longhorns managed to win five events and earned two more all-important provisional-qualifying marks for the NCAA National Championships in March. The Horns notched six provisional-qualifying marks last weekend at their dual meet with Arkansas.

Coach Bubba Thornton wasn't completely satisfied with the results, though, as the Texas men's track and field team lost 92-64 to Texas A&M in a dual meet at College Station.

"Honestly, I was disappointed in our team's performance, but we are going to get better," Thornton said. "Monday, we have to just look in the mirror and start over again."

Freshman Marquise Goodwin improved on his 25-4 (7.72-meter) long jump from last week, notching a mark of 25-7 1/2 (7.81 meters) on Saturday. His jump was the third-best distance in the na-

tion this year and earned him a provisional-qualifying mark.

But Goodwin wasn't the only freshman to set a provisional-qualifying mark Saturday. Hayden Bailio built upon his victory last week at Arkansas by winning the shot put with a provisional-qualifying distance of 60-11 1/4 (18.57 meters). Baillio now holds the fourth-best throw in the nation this year.

Freshman Hayden Clark also represented the class of 2013, winning the pole vault with a mark of 16-1 3/4 (4.92 meters).

However, Thornton downplayed the success of the younger team member.

"It's absolutely a good sign for the team's future, but this is about right now. As important to the future as those guys are, we have our eyes set on the Big 12 Championships next month," he said.

Junior Jamal Wilson, another new face on the Texas track team, had a successful performance as well last weekend. The recent transfer student won the high jump Saturday with a clearance of

6-9 (2.06 meters).

"You hit campus on Monday of this week," Thornton said. "You have to get rested for classes. You've never been on campus and have to find your way around. You can't move into your dorm until today. And still win your meet? That's pretty impressive."

Wilson was last year's junior-college high-jump champion and officially joined the team this week. The Bahamas native competed for Southwest Mississippi Community College during his first two collegiate seasons and earned All-American honors in both indoor and outdoor track.

Junior Logan Gonzales also notched a victory for UT, placing first in the mile with a personal best of 4 minutes, 9.82 seconds.

But it wasn't near enough for the Longhorns, who were no match for A&M this time around. They'll hope for better results next week, when they return to College Station for the Texas A&M Invitational for a rematch against the Aggies and a host of other contenders.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Texas 6, Rice 1

Horns cruise to season-opening win

By Alexandra Carreno
Daily Texan Staff

As the wind swept through the courts at Penick-Allison Tennis Center on Saturday afternoon, the Horns stayed composed as they fought to a 6-1 match victory against Rice.

In the dual-match season opener, Texas quickly proved why it was ranked No. 31 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's preseason rankings.

"This is a Rice program that continues to get better and better, and we expected to have a battle on our hands," said fifth-year head coach Patty Fendick-McCain. "Our ladies were challenged throughout the match in doubles and singles."

The Horns opened the match with confidence as they captured wins in two of three doubles matches to secure the doubles point.

At second doubles, senior Vanja Corovic and freshman Aerial Ellis toughed it out against Rice's Jessica Jackson and Alex Rasch, No. 44 in

ITA preseason rankings. The Texas duo found itself tied at five mid-match, took a 7-5 lead and continued on to secure an 8-6 match win, ensuring the doubles point went to the Horns.

Texas' singles starters looked equally confident as they quickly tacked on points to the Longhorns' lead with each ensuing match win. Senior Sarah Lancaster and No. 22 Ellis breezed through their matches, with Lancaster at sixth singles posting a quick 6-1, 6-2 win. Ellis, at first singles, closed out her match against No. 73 Rebekka Hanle 6-3, 6-3.

The Owls' fate was sealed as Texas junior Maggie Mello, at fifth singles, defeated Rebecca Lin in three sets, 6-3, 4-6 and 6-3. Both junior Amanda Craddock and sophomore Krista Damico outlasted their opponents as well.

"It was a good way to start out the year," Lancaster said. "Everyone played well, and we also had some pretty tough matches. The other team was good, so it helped

push us but at the same time build up our confidence."

On Friday, the Longhorns will take on No. 11 Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn., as part of the ITA Kick Off Weekend. A win against Tennessee and another victory against either TCU or Vanderbilt on Saturday would guarantee the Longhorns a berth at the ITA National Team Indoor Championships in February.

"We want to get some people a little bit more healthy," Fendick-McCain said about preparing for Friday's match. "We've got a few ailments here and there, so we'll get them some rest and then prepare as best as we can."

The match against Tennessee is slated for indoors, which is an environment the Horns are not exactly used to.

"We were able to get in a lot of indoor matches last week [at the Georgia Invitational] in preparation for next week's event," Fendick-McCain said. "That was a step in the right direction."

OVERTIME: Last-second 3-pointer sends game to OT

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finished with nine 3 pointers but couldn't hit them when they most needed them down the stretch in overtime.

Texas even amassed a 14-point lead through the middle of the second half, but in a league as tough as the Big 12, there is no room for letting up on the gas. So, despite playing with flashes of brilliance for most of the game, Texas dulled down, and Iowa took advantage of the slip.

Cyclone coach Billy Fennelly was proud of his team after the win, stating how tough it is to win at the Frank Erwin Center.

"Texas is a team that literally could've blown us out of the building," Fenelly said. "They really could've. They're that good. We couldn't guard them. They were making everything. We challenged our kids, and they challenged each other. To come back the way we did says a lot about the way we competed."

The Longhorns had the last offen-

sive possession and a chance to win or tie in overtime, but they could never quite find the shot they wanted.

With this loss, Texas falls to 2-3 in the Big 12, placing them in the bottom half of the league. Along with their falling record comes raised eyebrows from skeptics who are unsure of the potential of this streaky Longhorn team.

"I'm pretty upset. I don't think words can explain it," guard Ashleigh Fontenette said. "It's over now, so we have to move on to the next game."

TRACK: High hopes for young, talented UT athletes

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final 4x400 meter relay.

In addition to their 4x400 meter relay performance, Malone

and Cooper also picked up two individual wins apiece. Malone set provisional marks in the triple jump (41-10 1/2, or 12.76 meters) and the long jump (20-4 1/4,

or 6.20 meters). Cooper collected provisional marks with a personal-best 53.23 in the 400-meter and a personal-best 23.88 in the 200-meter.

Redshirt junior Betzy Jimenez and senior Jordyn Brown also played a heavy hand in Saturday's win. Each took home a pair of individual wins in the 800-meter and 5,000-meter, and the shot put and weight throw, respectively. Sophomore Victoria Lucas also contributed a first-place finish with her height of 5-7 (1.70 meters) in the high jump.

Sophomore Behm tallied her second individual win in as many meets with her mile time of 5 minutes, 3.02 seconds. Finishing right behind Behm was sophomore Laleh Mojtabaezamani, who set a personal-best mile time of 5:5.10.

For the Longhorns, Saturday's victory means much more than national rankings or a tally in the win column. With the loss of several upperclassmen, including Destinee Hooker, a four-time national champion and six-time All-American who is forgoing her final season to pursue a professional volleyball career, the Longhorns came into the season with some unanswered questions. If the Longhorns keep answering like they did Saturday, the team could find itself as poised as ever.

"For us, more than beating anyone else, it's us coming together as a team," Kearney said. "We're just blessed."

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KEEPING THE FAITH



“Nubian Queen” Lola E. Stephens-Bell is ordained as a missionary evangelist by the New Birth by Faith Church on Saturday. Her daughter Lisa Mitchell watches from the doorway. Stephens-Bell has been feeding the homeless nearly every day since she opened her Cajun-food restaurant on Rosewood Avenue six years ago.

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Artist plans to create campus ‘motion painting’

Art center commissions video of painting process, seeks to beautify campus

By Vidushi Shrimali
Daily Texan Staff

In the spring, students and faculty will be able to watch New York artist David Ellis create a piece of art for the new Visual Arts Center on UT campus. Landmarks, an art program launched in 2008 to beautify the UT campus with public art, commissioned Ellis to create the first piece of video art to be featured on the center’s media wall.

The final product will be a 10-minute movie composed of photos taken during the various stages of Ellis’ work and will be featured at the cen-

ter’s opening in September. Ellis will come to Austin during spring break and then start what center spokeswoman Rachel Cook called a six-week “residency” during which he will create the video.

Ellis said he is inspired by music and uses videos, sound and a wide range of colors in his artwork to make references to the everyday people he meets. He said he often videotapes his works as he is painting and then uses animation in the clips to create what he calls a “motion painting.”

“He allows the viewer to understand his process, [which is] something everyone [can] appreciate,” said Leah Griffin, Landmarks program coordinator.

Ellis said he will spend half

his time inside the makeshift studio, which students can view through glass windows as he is working, and half his time exploring the city outside.

“Half the time I’m the structure,” Ellis said. “The other time, I’m going to be in the streets of Austin, painting the side of a bookstore, the wall of a pinata factory, so I can interact more in the greater city of Austin with the people, and I [can] get inspired from being in that arena. It’s like two projects — side A and B of a record.”

Inside the studio, Ellis will use a camera that takes bird’s-eye view snapshots of his progress every few seconds. At the end of the six weeks, he will use the snapshots to create a condensed movie of the clips.

“It’s taking six weeks of work

and making it 10 minutes,” Ellis said.

The artist visited Austin in December to get a feel for the site where his work and motion painting will be featured. The motion painting is currently scheduled to be on the media wall, which rotates through different media pieces, for three months.

Ellis said he hopes to have at least three to five student interns, whom he will select after interviews, to shadow him and participate in his work in Austin.

He said he often improvises as he goes and plans on making little “teaser” films of clips from his stay. If he has time, he said he hopes to visit art classes and critique students on their work.

UT students hold benefit on campus to support Haiti

By Nihag Wagal
Daily Texan Staff

Just 12 days after an earthquake devastated Haiti, several UT student organizations raised more than \$2,000 for the victims of the natural disaster through a campus-wide benefit on Friday.

“We cannot overestimate the people of Haiti. They have been taxed and need our help,” said Lynn Selby, an anthropology Ph.D. candidate who was recently evacuated from Haiti after the earthquake. “They deserve a sustained global commitment for restructuring and rebuilding the country.”

The benefit took place at the Jester Center with a spiritual mourning call featuring “All of a Sudden,” an art piece by Austin artist Carole Metellus.

The event featured a screening at the University Teaching Center of the film “The Agronomist” — about Haitian activist Jean Dominique — followed by a discussion of the film led by UT history professor Frank Guridy.

Most of the fundraising efforts took place at a public rally at Gregory Gymnasium later that evening. Student volunteers collected donations at tables set up on the plaza.

In addition to raising money for the earthquake relief effort, the

event also aimed to increase public awareness of the earthquake.

One of the last presentations at the event featured Ansel Herz, a UT alumnus and a reporter in Port-au-Prince, who provided evidence of how U.S. participation is slowing down the rebuilding efforts. Herz described how a plane carrying 10,000 pounds of medicine from a private humanitarian organization was not allowed to land in any of the U.S.-controlled airports and was eventually turned away by the military.

Some speakers used the opportunity to voice their opinions on how the current relief efforts are proceeding.

Many of them agreed that relying solely on help from foreign governments is going to make the rebuilding process take much longer.

“It is important to help the Haitian people and to internalize the relief efforts instead of relying on U.S. militarization,” said Jenima Pierre, assistant professor of anthropology and Haitian national. “With continued support, we can make sure Haitians take control of their own future.”

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Lanese Aggrey, director of Academic Service-Learning and faculty member in the department of African and African Diaspora Studies, views a spiritual-art installation created for the Haitian relief effort at the Malcolm X Lounge on Friday.

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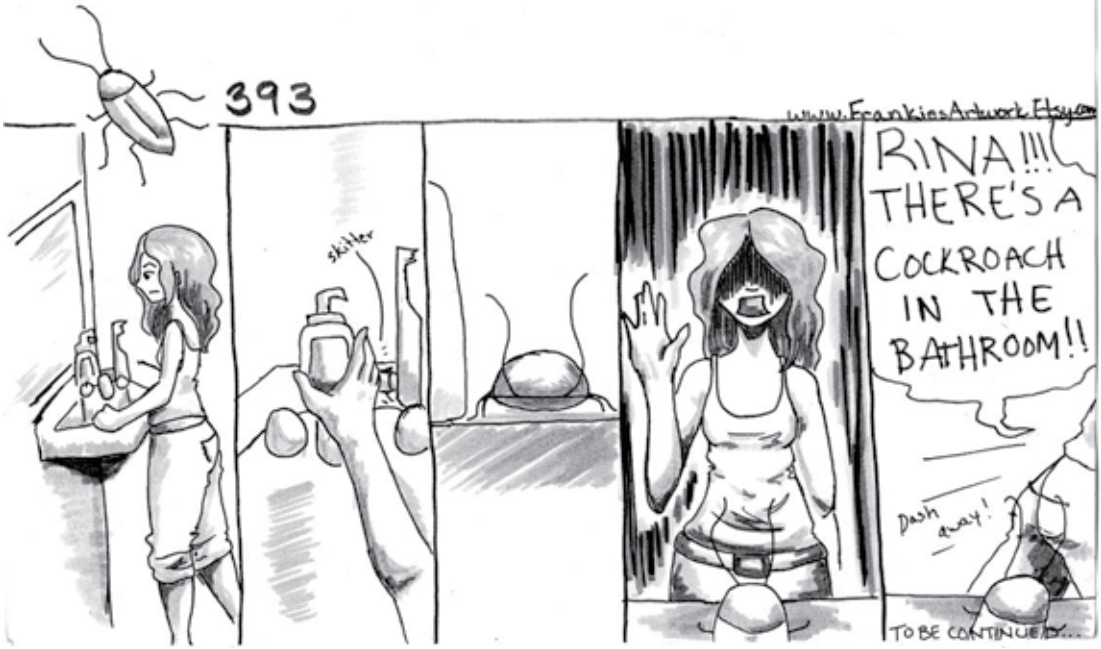
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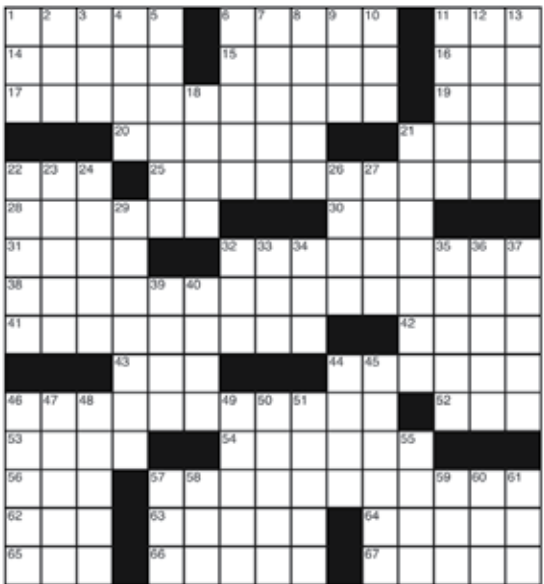
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 - 14 Gaffer Palmer, informally
 - 15 Parts to play
 - 16 Firefighter's tool
 - 17 Humor publication since 1952
 - 19 Many a first grader's age
 - 20 What generals command
 - 21 Parks of civil rights fame
 - 22 Educ. institution
 - 25 Docs-to-be
 - 28 Selected
 - 30 Dorm overseers, for short
 - 31 Seniors' org.
 - 32 All-encompassing
- Down**

 - 1 Computer capacity, for short
 - 2 "... man mouse?"
 - 3 +
 - 4 Peru's largest city
 - 5 "Goodness gracious!"
 - 6 Cornrow, e.g.
 - 7 Falls through the cracks?
 - 8 "He's making ... and checking ..."
 - 9 The number at left + 1
 - 10 NNW's opposite
 - 11 Leader of the Argonauts, in myth
 - 12 Be
 - 13 State on the Rio Grande
 - 18 F.B.I. operatives
 - 21 Fixes, as a shoe
 - 22 Rascal
 - 23 Committee leader
 - 24 Mob
 - 26 Language derived from Hindustani
 - 27 7/20/69, for one
 - 29 Splash, as grease
 - 32 Charlemagne's domain: Abbr.
 - 33 Some tech grads
 - 34 Sternward
 - 35 Bibliographical datum
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 - 38 Tricky operation for extending a plane's flight
 - 41 Causing the most wolf whistles, perhaps
 - 42 To be, to Henri
 - 43 Tit for ...
 - 44 Brides' walkways
 - 46 Lionel products
 - 52 N.Y.C. summer hrs.
 - 53 Ammonia has a strong one
 - 54 Mame on Broadway
 - 56 Fix, as a fight
 - 57 Dirty campaign tactic
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 - 65 Ambulance letters

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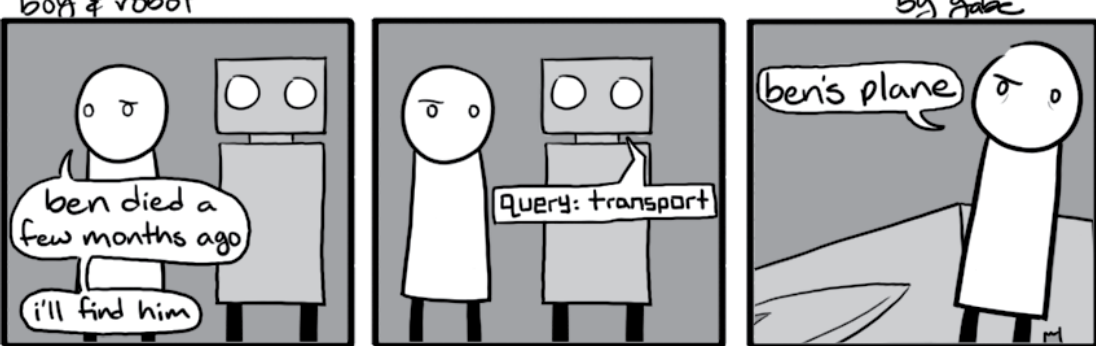
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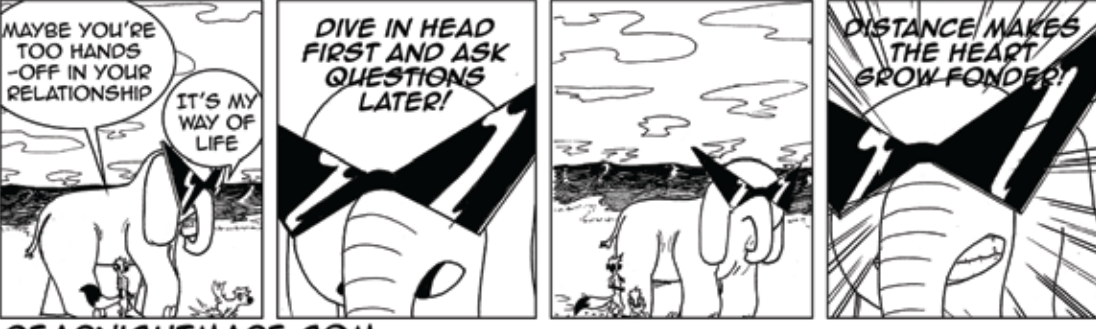
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'Legion' attacks with legendary nonsense

By John Ross Harden
Daily Texan Staff

To a college student, an hour and 40 minutes under certain circumstances can seem like 10 minutes. To a college student who happened to see Scott Stewart's "Legion" this weekend, an hour and 40 minutes seemed like an eternity.

A sober mind can only take so much nonsense.

For a film that had such an enticing trailer, "Legion" is, hands down, a complete bust. From the very beginning, it is clear that any chance at theatrical success is tossed out the window as we are brought to the most cliched setting for any Rapture-esque picture — the middle of the desert.

Set in a dilapidated diner/rest stop isolated from society by 50 miles in each direction, the film focuses on store owner Bob Hanson (Dennis Quaid) and his son, Jeep (Lucas Black), who instantly face problems that are far too predictable for the situation: a rich family with a broken-down car, a pregnant girl and a determined traveler trying to reach his son.

Here comes the bogus stuff.

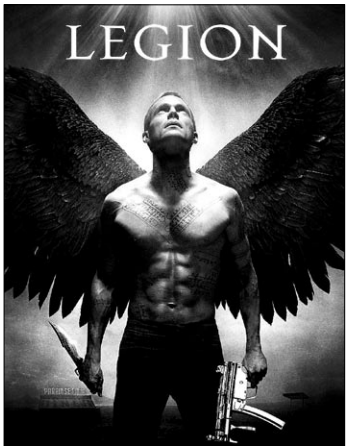
To start with, God is literally, as said in the movie, done with "all the bullshit" and is ready to start fresh on Earth, which means that God is going to ruin mankind. To complete this task, he decides to send angels, disguised as normal people with ri-

diculous abnormalities (i.e. deranged elderly who climb walls) down to destroy humanity. This onslaught subsequently forces local emergency broadcasts to flood through all means of communication, causing television, radio and even phone communication to break down.

Confused and worried, the characters experience relief when none other than the archangel Michael appears. Initially sent to kill the unborn child of the diner's sole waitress, Charlie (Adrianne Palicki), Michael has a change of heart. Deciding to go against God's word and equipped with an arsenal of weapons, the stranded survivors fight alongside Mi-

chael to save the human race from what appears to be inevitable destruction.

If director Stewart wanted this film to be at least mediocre, then he should have read the Bible and based it on that idea of the Rapture instead of creating his own. Or he should have watched a little less of "Smokin' Aces." His idea of action is utterly ridiculous. Yes, watching cars get blown up is entertaining, but it is also very, very — unreasonably — repetitive. The intense scenes in the movie are all roughly the same until a final battle featuring Michael versus the evil archangel Gabriel. I'll let you guess what happens then.



Grade: C-

FILM: Festival's patrons engage in discussion

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want the public to think critically about French and Francophone films — and cinema in general," said Margaret Becker, a spokeswoman for the festival.

The screenings are not reserved solely for French film experts, though.

"Although our panels are [composed] of UT faculty and students, we encourage the general public to attend our screenings because we strongly believe that academia shouldn't be the only arena for independent and foreign cinema," Becker said.

The institute and the consulate will be sponsoring an essay contest — also in English — related to "Little Senegal." The contest requires entrants to submit a three-part essay in which they discuss the film's social and political context, provide a technical analysis of the film and write a personal reaction. The prize is an all-expenses-paid trip to the Cannes Film Festival.

"You don't have to be a film major," Evans said. "You just have to be willing to engage with the film and write an excellent essay."

The series is aimed at more than just entertaining audiences.

"Each movie is different, so I think viewers should come to the screenings with an open mind," Becker said. "[They] should expect to leave the theater with a head full of new ideas."

Future films include "Little Senegal," "Bled No. 1," "Se souvenir des belles choses" and "Les soeurs fachees." All of the films are in French and subtitled in English.

"It's a unique opportunity to discuss the films in an academic environment and a good way to spend a Monday night," Evans said.

The dates of the showings all fall on Monday nights in the coming months of this semester and begin at 7 p.m.

FOOD: Avocado-lime cheesecake provides quirky twist on great dish

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thousands of other consumers who pass down the same grocery-store aisle. And honestly, there are too many people out there who gag at the thought of eating another Lean Cuisine pizza.

As a result, this series is dedicated to liberated and quirky cooking. Over the next five weeks, the recipes provided may seem strange and, at times, too bizarre to make, but that's the point.

By just sitting down and thinking about unique flavor combinations or spices that complement one another, you have a jumping-off point for the beginning of a new recipe. For example, pick out a favorite family recipe and add a little something unique. Also, search recipes online, and read the comments made by those who have made the recipe. Pay attention to what they add or take away, but don't exactly replicate what they do. Add your own spice, so to speak.

This week's avocado-lime cheesecake recipe is an ideal place to start the series. Key lime pie is a very basic, simple pie; therefore, it is easy for both beginner and intermediate cooks to make.

Before dismissing this recipe as nonsensical, consider the reasons why this pie is actually very plausible. First, think about the strong flavor relationship between the avocado and the lime. In traditional Mexican cuisine, avocados and limes are frequently used together

to accent each other's flavors, as seen most famously in guacamole. Second, consider the texture of an avocado. An avocado is one of the few fruits that have a smooth and creamy texture when cut open, unlike an apple or grape. Comparing an avocado's texture to that of a traditional cheesecake's, you'd find that they share a harmoniously similar texture. Although this recipe is unique, it is still in the ballpark of being oddly normal.

Lastly, remember this is called

an avocado-lime cheesecake, not just an avocado cheesecake. You won't be overwhelmed by the avocado because, if anything, the pie tastes similar to a Key lime pie that has just a hint of avocado added. It pairs well with Mexican cuisine and serves as a great alternative to traditional Mexican desserts such as sopapillas or flan.

If adding two avocados to a pie turns out delicious, imagine the unique dessert you can create on your own time.

PUNK: Drummer describes his idea of perfect Austin day, supreme sandwich

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our last show at Emo's. Austin has the best shows, normally. If there is crowd surfing, it's a good show.

DT: What was the worst show you've ever played?

DV: Some of the early shows were pretty rough, but we played one in a skate park where there was water everywhere, and we couldn't hear anything at all. That was a horrible show.

DT: When you were forming the band, were there any alternate band names you didn't pick?

DV: Believe it or not, Zlam Dunk was the only name we thought about. For some reason, we never had any doubts about the name. I know, I know ...

DT: Where is your favorite place to eat in Austin?

DV: Torchy's Tacos. Go get a Democrat. Or the Baja Shrimp taco. Or anything. Everything there is good.

DT: What is your favorite Web site or blog?

DV: Party Ends is a very good blog, but I'm a sucker for Wikipedia. And no, I've never donated.

DT: What is a perfect day for you?

DV: Wake up, go to the river for a couple of hours and then head to Austin to see a movie at Alamo Drafthouse. Then go buy a book or a record or something, eat some Torchy's and then end up at Emo's at a show or head down to Rio Rita for a couple of drinks. Did I mention I have a rich girlfriend in this dream who buys me everything? Best day ever.

DT: What's the best thing about Austin?

DV: It's the perfect size, it hardly ever gets cold and there's a lot to do. And South by Southwest is a glorious time.

DT: What's the worst thing about Austin?

DV: Black bears.

DT: Describe your perfect sandwich.

DV: Check it: Get wheat bread, put marinara sauce on it, followed by pepperoni, capicola, salami, provolone cheese, mozzarella cheese, green and red peppers, onions and pineapples. Then toast that. Then put lettuce, tomatoes, ranch dressing, salt and pepper and oregano. And it's free. Perfect sandwiches are always free.

DT: What are you reading right now?

DV: "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis and one of the Harry Potters (I cycle through them all at random).

DT: The usual coffee-shop order?

DV: Large iced mocha.

DT: Your favorite breakfast cereal?

DV: Fruit Harvest by Kellogg's. I can never find it in the stores, but it's so good — blueberries and strawberries.

DT: Fill in the blank: If I weren't Daniel Vega, I would be (blank).

DV: If I weren't Daniel Vega, I would be Vin Diesel.

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An uncommon combo



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A slice of avocado-lime cheesecake provides a unique, tangy variation to a crowd-pleasing dessert.

Experimentation brings tasty changes to traditional family recipe

By Layne Lynch
Daily Texan Staff

Editor's Note: This is the first in a five-part series offering up out-of-the-ordinary options for every course on the menu.

One of the many wonders of cuisine is the infinite number of possible inventions one can create and serve just by stepping outside of the traditional recipe box.

Over the past several years, the food industry has experienced an explosion of creativity. Tuning into the Food Network or Bravo's "Top Chef," one can't help but notice the strides conventional cuisine has taken thanks to the artistry of skilled chefs nowadays.

However, those who aren't professional chefs don't credit their own talents enough when it comes to cooking. Sure, anyone can pick up a box of Betty Crocker yellow cake mix and add some oil and eggs, but so will thousands upon

Avocado-lime Cheesecake

Ingredients

- 1 3/4 cups heavy cream
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 2 ripe Hass avocados, scooped and pitted
- 2 3-ounce packages cream cheese or Neufchatel cheese (fat-free or regular, depending upon dietary choices), softened
- 1/4-2/3 cup (depending upon personal taste) lime juice, freshly squeezed or store-bought
- 1 8-inch prepared graham crust

Directions

- Heat the heavy cream in a saucepan until it appears to have bubbles around the edges of the pan. After turning off the burner and removing the pan from heat, whisk the sugar into the cream until it dissolves. Transfer the cream-sugar mixture to a bowl, and let it sit for five minutes.
- Combine the avocado and cream cheese in a food processor, mixer, blender, or hand mixer, and blend until completely incorporated and smooth.
- Add the lime juice and blend until smooth, tasting the mixture to see if it meets your personal taste preference. Then whisk in the cream-sugar mixture.
- Spoon into the pie crust, and smooth the surface with a spatula or knife. Freeze for at least two hours before serving.

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Zlam Dunk finds way onto Austin's dance-punk scene

MUSIC MONDAY
By Francisco Marin

Post-punk revivalism may have once been on the verge of cannibalizing itself, but for the few passionate bands intent on actually making good music, there's no better time to be a part of the scene. With all of the chaos in today's world, it seems the fast-paced, dance-inducing tunes by San Marcos quintet Zlam Dunk are a more than fitting soundtrack. Since February 2008, Zlam Dunk — composed of Brett Thorne (guitar), Charlie Day (vocals), Ross Bennett (keys, vocals), Taylor Hughes (bass) and Daniel Vega (drums) — has developed a following and released its debut EP, *We Are All Dead*.

The deeper, more introspective songs ape lo-fi, mechanistic bands such as The Faint or The Arm. Though you won't find too much of a sharp social commentary present in this

particular genre, rest assured that Zlam Dunk's lyrics will keep you entertained for days.

The Daily Texan got a little downtime with Zlam Dunk drummer Daniel Vega to see what kind of tacos get him going and what constitutes a good show.

The Daily Texan: What album have you listened to the most in the past week?

Daniel Vega: Lately I can't stop listening to *Hey Everyone!* by Danan-ananaykroyd and *Weather-vanes* by Free-lance Whales.

DT: If you could collaborate with any musician in the world, who would it be?

DV: As far as the band goes, I'd want to work with Prince. But personally, I'd rather work with The Revolution.

DT: What was the best show you've ever played?

DV: The best show we ever played was probably our EP release last March at Stubb's or

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Courtesy of Sara Strick

Punk band Zlam Dunk livens up local venues with energizing songs and quirky outfits. The man that supplies the beat, drummer Daniel Vega, reflects on his fear of black bears, the start of his music career, and why the best things in life are all free.

Festival sheds light on French films

Film series explores, promotes contemporary French movies at UT

By Susannah Jacob
Daily Texan Staff

Tonight's showing of "Un homme, un vrai" at Dobie Theatre is the fifth film in the year-long Cinema Francais Today Film Festival, which focuses on contemporary French cinema.

"Un homme, un vrai," the first show of the semester, tells the story of a shy computer expert who falls in love with a colleague while trying to become a film director.

The festival, sponsored by the France-UT Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies and the General Consulate of France in Houston, aims to "promote contemporary French cinema," said Jonathan Evans, a French gradu-

ate student and chairman of the festival.

The movies are free to the public and are followed by a 15-30 minute discussion in English in which professors and graduate students from UT discuss themes and impacts of the films with the audience.

"We encourage the audience to participate because we truly

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